



**THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

December 3, 2019

6:15 – 6:23 p.m. (Organizational Meeting)

6:25 – 6:49 p.m. (Private Session)

7:08 – 7:25 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam, Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Lora Campbell, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)

**Student
Trustee:** Keylee Smith and Karina Tavernese

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Helen McGregor, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

Regrets: Jonathan Fast

**Recording
Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical
Support:** Wendy Coit

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

Chair Barnett opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

2. **Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:08 p.m. and welcomed guests in the gallery.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Fast.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole.”

CARRIED

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:49 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Stevensville Public School choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Baggott shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 26, 2019 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Trustee Beamer expressed concerns about the delegation presentation not being included in the November 2019 Board meeting package. Chair Barnett explained that a decision was made by the Chair and Vice Chair to allow the presentation even though a written submission was not received beforehand because of the direct relationship between the delegation topic and the presentation of the DSBN’s Equity and Diversity Flag.

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.”

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director’s Report and Recognition**

There was no Director’s report or recognition.

2. Educational Showcases

There were no educational showcases.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

Take Notice that in accordance with the Board By-law and Rules of Order section Q-2, a recommendation that the following amendments to the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the District School Board of Niagara will come forward for consideration at the Board meeting schedule January 28, 2020, with such amendments to take effect upon the passing of the recommendations contained therein.

<p>M-3</p>	<p>The following matters shall not be raised in a regular open meeting of the Board and in committee may be considered in private session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Legal matters or any litigation affecting the Board; b) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board; c) Purchase, lease or disposal of property; d) Suspensions, expulsions, exclusion of pupils and re-admission of such pupils; e) Indigent pupils; f) Personnel matters involving efficiency, discipline, termination or other retirement of employees, medical reports or examinations, and staff changes; g) Human resources update by the Director; h) The security of the property of the 	<p>(i) Replacement of M-3</p>
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		<p>Board;</p> <p>i) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of a Board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian; and</p> <p>j) Other matters agreed upon by the majority of the Board members.</p> <p>a) The security of the property of the Board;</p> <p>b) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;</p> <p>c) The acquisition or disposal of a school site;</p> <p>d) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board; or</p> <p>e) Litigation affecting the Board; or</p> <p>f) Where the subject-matter under consideration involves an ongoing investigation under the <i>Ombudsman Act</i> respecting the Board.</p>	
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M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no trustee Information Session.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- a) Trustee Beamer shared a letter from a parent who recently moved to Fonthill that described her children’s positive experience transitioning to Glynn A. Green Public School.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Bradnam advised that he will be attending the Laura Secord Secondary School Achievement Awards Ceremony.
- b) Chair Barnett reported attending the Nutcracker at Welland Centennial Secondary School. Five DSBN schools worked together to make the performance possible.
- c) Trustee Bradnam reported that he the opportunity to work with an organization recently to collect over 1,000 books for DSBN schools.

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Baggott reminded trustees that the deadline to register for the Public Education Symposium is January 6, 2020.

Trustee Baggott urged trustees to review the OPSBA/Nanos Polling Report that is available on the OPSBA website

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at www.opsba.org.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of January 2020 meetings was provided.

Strategic Planning Committee - January 13, 2020.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

**Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on December 3, 2019 be now ratified by the Board.”

“That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day.”

CARRIED

O. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

ADJOURNMENT – continued

“That this meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary